

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 1, has been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006.

Examiner Interview:

The courtesy extended by Examiner Hannett to Applicant's representative, Tom Brown, during the April 25, 2006 telephone interview was gratefully appreciated.

In addition, Applicant's gratefully appreciate the Examiner's indication during said interview that "amending the claim [1] to include the limitation 'multiple images files in different folders can share the same file number' would overcome the current grounds of rejection."¹

Accordingly, claim 1, as amended, now calls for *a first changer to change a point destination of said second pointer and a point destination of said third pointer to a point destination of said first pointer and the new image file, respectively, in association with a writing process of said writer, wherein said writer includes a detector to detect a maximum file number from among the file numbers which are assigned to the image files stored in the record*

¹ Please see, page 3, lines 2-4 of the Advisory Action mailed April 28, 2006.

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destination folder, and an assigner to assign a file number continuous from the maximum file number detected by said detector to the new image file, and said assigner can assign the same file number to different folders.

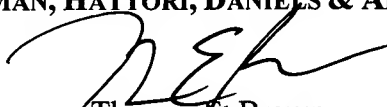
As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 now clearly defines over the teachings of Endo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,763,182), since Endo et al. fails to disclose or fairly suggest an assigner which can assign the same file number to different folders, as now called for in claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection based on Endo et al. is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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